VALLEY LANDMARK—The Van Nuys Woman's Club's clubhouse is a familiar landmark to Valley residents. Here, Mmes. Lloyd G. Rainey, William O. Wuest and Jack Q. Emmerich, from left, discuss club business before meeting. Times photo

Clubhouse Familiar Sight to Valleyites

VAN NUYS—The Van Nuys Woman's Clubhouse is a prominent landmark to Valley residents.

From a humble beginning 51 years ago, when 16 women met to organize the club, membership has grown to 250.

Charter members decided dues would be $1 a year. The group decided to meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The club still meets on these days.

At the end of the first year there were 51 members.

Accept Option

At a cost of $550, the club accepted an option to buy the lot adjoining the one donated by Mrs. Ida Bailey.

This was on Aug. 30, 1916. The street was known as Virginia St.

Building of the clubhouse started with $167.25 in the fund. Its total cost was $3,300.

A $3,000 loan plus interest from Mrs. Elizabeth Houghton, second president of the club, was paid in 10 years.

To raise funds, the new building was rented to the Episcopal church for $1. each Sunday during the summer and $1.25 in the winter when heat was needed.

Christmas Program Is Scheduled

NORTH HOLLYWOOD—"Christmas Around the World" is the theme of the 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, holiday program of the local Business and Professional Woman's Club at the Sportsmen's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd.

Dr. Blanche Beakley will discuss celebrations in countries she has visited.

Mabel Angel is chairman of the event.

Ethel Hayes will lead caroling and Vera Ostrus will give the invocation. Rosalie Craig will lead the pledge of allegiance. Gilda Burke will give the collect. Marge Kirby is program chairman.

Gifts for Patients

Instead of exchanging gifts, members and guests wil place unwrapped gifts of clothing and other items in boxes to be presented to Pacfic State Hospital for the patients there.

Dinner guests will see samples from another club Christmas project, new this year. Small live trees in pots have been bought by members for each room at the Nightingale Convalescant Hospital in Sun Valley.

Members will meet to trim the 23 trees at 1:30 p.m. today at the home of Irene Young, 4342 Gentry Ave.

The club's scholarship fund will benefit from the package sale planned Jan. 20 at the Sportsmen's Lodge. Final plans will be made at the Jan. 6 business meeting.

ELECTED — Mrs. J. Fred Lashley is new president of North Valley GOP Club.

Wigs to Be Modeled by Tri-Deltas

WOODLAND HILLS — Wigs will be modeled at the holiday party being planned by the West Valley Alumnae Group of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

The women will gather at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. Harry Schulman for the event.

Co-hostesses will be Mmes. Ronald Noyes and Gail Kanagy.

Gifts to be distributed to patients at Childrens Hospital will be brought by members.

A brief business meeting will be conducted before the party by Mrs. Fred Orr, group president.

Mrs. Claus to Be Guest at Party

STUDIO CITY — Mrs. Santa Claus will be honor guest at the Christmas party being planned by the local Business and Professional Women's Club.

It will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Sportsmen's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd.

Margie Hatch is chairman for the evening, assisted by Betty Stone, Blanche Haney, Thora Swerdfeger and Emilie Dooley.

North Valley GOP Club to Install at Yule Tea

GRANADA HILLS—Installation of the North Valley Republican Woman's Club officers will be held during the group's annual Christmas Tea at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Knollwood Country Club, 12024 Balboa Blvd.

Mrs. Louis Lombardi, first vice president of the California Federation of Republican Women, Southern Division, will be installing officer.

Mrs. J. Fred Lashley will be the new club president, succeeding Mrs. Clifford Johnson.

Other Officers

Other officers are Mmes. J. E. Morin, Ross E. Sitler, R. D. Ashmore and Richard Worchester, vice presidents; J. D. Livingston and William Jennrich, secretaries, and E. Dean Snell, treasurer.

Mrs. Harry Shirer will introduce Mmes. Ashmore and Howard Byles who will present a program of Christmas music.

Mrs. William Sloan, new citizens chairman, will be presented with a check for the purchase of American flags and Christmas stockings for families of new citizens in the Valley.

Special guests will be Assembleyman Lou Cusanovich, and Mrs. Basil Rysdael, chairman of the County Federation of Republican Women's Clubs.

Hostesses at the tea table will be Mmes. Floyd Winslow, George Powell, Phillip Bardos, Harold Albertson and Ralph Koch.

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WEDDINGS

Buckingham-Purcell

NORTH HOLLYWOOD—DiAnn Purcell of Columbia, Mo., was married to J. Bruce Buckingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buckingham of North Hollywood in San Diego. They are at home in West Los Angeles. Buckingham was graduated from University High School. His bride attended Stephens College, Mo.

Saltzman-Holle

CANOGA PARK — First Methodist Church of Canoga Park was the setting for nuptials uniting Bobbi Sue Holle, daughter of the A. W. Holles of Waco, Tex., and Robert Keith Saltzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Saltzman, Canoga Park. He was graduated from Canoga Park High School.

Clotfelter-Finney

NORTH HOLLYWOOD—Northern California was the honeymoon destination of Mr. and Mrs. David James Clotfelter (Florence Marie Finney) following wedding services in St. Patrick's Catholic Church and reception at the home of the benedict's brother. The bride was graduated from North Hollywood High School. Her mother is Mrs. John R. Finney of North Hollywood. Her husband, son of the John Clotfelters of Glendale, was graduated from Glendale High School.

Jubilees

Isaac Soskin

VAN NUYS — Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Soskin of Van Nuys were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary by members of the family. The celebration was held at the Los Angeles home of the Morton Soskins with three generations of the family in attendance. Among celebrants were their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Samson of Van Nuys, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Sherman of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Morton of Santa Maria. Mrs. Soskin carried the lace shawl she wore at her wedding, which was performed in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The couple lived in Toronto, Ontario, until 1924 when they came to Los Angeles. They have been Valley residents since 1950.

Art A. Stelzer

VAN NUYS — Mr. and Mrs. Art A. Stelzer of Van Nuys celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently.

Home Tour to Be Held on Tuesday

SAN FERNANDO—The annual home tour for the local Woman's Club will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, under the direction of Mrs. John Good.

The tour will include the trailer home of Mrs. J. C. Campbell, 15300 S Brand Blvd., and the home of Mrs. Lawrence Butler, 706 Workman Ave.

Mrs. Frederick F. Wurch is in charge of refreshments to be served at the clubhouse, and will be assisted by members of the board.

Mrs. Anna C. Matheson is decorating the clubhouse for the holiday occasion.

Tickets are available from club members and at the clubhouse, 552 N Brand Blvd.

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Valley PTA and Youth Activities

Parley to Map Fight on Disease

Venereal disease will be discussed when parents and teachers of 31st District PTA meet with educators, public health officials and clergymen.

The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday, Dec. 18, in Room 830 A of the Hall of Administration, 500 W Temple St., Los Angeles.

It was called by Mmes. Roy Slater and Floyd Minghini, 31st District PTA president and health department chairman, because of the steady increase in venereal disease in Valley young people.

Purpose of the seminar is the discussion of the disease and the formulation of plans for an intensive educational program to combat it, Mrs. Minghini said.

Speakers and their topics are:

Dr. Walter E. Smartt, chief of venereal disease control division, Los Angeles County Health Dept., "The Problem of VD in Los Angeles County";

Robert Lugar, public health adviser, "Task Force Project of the United States Public Health Service";

Joseph Langan, health educator, Los Angeles City Schools, and Arthur Hawks, health educator, Los Angeles County Schools, "What are the Public Schools Teaching about Venereal Disease?";

Leonard Glass, instructor health education at Valley College, "How Many Can We Train and How Fast?" and

Mrs. Minghini, "Citizen Participation in the Cause of Public Health."

Special guests will include:

Mrs. J. R. Gaydowski, president of 10th District PTA; Mrs. Neil Cox, president of 1st District PTA; Mrs. Stanley Gulliver, community health chairman for the California Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Elder Donald Brown, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Elder Raymond Buggett, state president of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; the Rev. Homer Demopulos, Greek Orthodox Church.

Harry McKnight, executive director of the Church Federation of Greater Los Angeles; the Rev. John P. Languille of the Catholic Youth Organization.

Neil Sandberg, regional director, will represent the American Jewish Committee; Col. Harold Barry, Salvation Army; Arthur Olsen, executive director of the Unitarian Churches, and Robert Smith, public relations director of the Los Angeles County Health Dept.

INTERNATIONAL THEME—Pacoima Jr. High School students dressed in native costumes decorate a Christmas tree in preparation for school's "Musical Holidays" dramatic program Tuesday, Dec. 17. From left are Maria Arroyo, Mexico; Karen Henry, United States; Mickey Iwai, Japan, and Sylvia Crosby of Africa.
Times photo

'Musical Holidays'---a Look at Foreign Lands

PACOIMA — "Musical Holidays," a dramatic program incorporating holiday customs in other lands, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the Pacoima Junior High School auditorium, 9919 Laurel Canyon.

The program is co-sponsored by the school and the PTA.

Beginning with the Christmas Suite overture, the curtain-raiser will be a musical montage, featuring singers in costumes of many countries.

Stephen Amella will narrate the sequences commencing with the a cappella choir singing English carols as the yule log is brought on stage.

The French nation's customs will be depicted by adding cathedral creche scenery and music.

The pattern will be repeated until each tribute has been symbolized in music and drama, finishing with a Hanukkah scene featuring the Star of David. The dramatics will be under the direction of Sara Leiber. Music department chairman, Paul Morse, will present the a cappella choir and girls glee club with program co-ordinator, Mrs. Nancy Oliver, guiding the boys glee club.

All variations used in the musical drama are being orchestrated especially for the program by James Scott.

The souvenir program was created by Paul Omatsu. Stage crew will be under the direction of Fred Ferguson and the Ladies, under the guidance of Mrs. Margaret Reinhard, will assist in parking cars and ushering.

The program is open to the public, according to Mrs. John Weimer, PTA president.

Youngsters Will Sing During Tour

VAN NUYS—Kindergarten carolers will add a festive note to this week's activities when they tour the campus of Riverside Drive Elementary School singing carols and Hanukkah songs.

The young choraleers also will provide the inspirational at the Riverside PTA meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the auditorium, 13061 Riverside Dr.

Gault Unit Will Meet

VAN NUYS—"Our Gift to You—The Music of Your Children" is the theme of the PTA holiday program at Gault Street School.

It will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the school auditorium, 17000 Gault St.

Mrs. Thais Weinbrandt, music instructor, will direct the senior chorus, madrigal group and school orchestra.

A Bill of Rights program will be given by the fifth grade pupils of Miss Francis Ross.

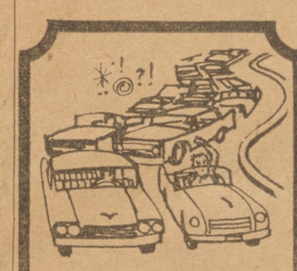
The Rev. William Carpenter of Central Christian Church of Van Nuys will participate in the program, and refreshments will be served by the kindergarten room mothers, with Mrs. Richard Miller acting as hostess.

JUNIORS PLAN PARTY AT STATE HOSPITAL

WOODLAND HILLS — Members of the Junior Woman's Club will travel to Camarillo State Hospital Tuesday, Dec. 17, to hold a Christmas party for patients in Women's Ward G.

The group will sing Christmas carols and secular music. Each of the 144 patients will receive a gift from Santa.

Hostesses for the event will be Mmes. Floyd Bennett, Fred M. Blaich Jr., Clifford Hauenstein, H. Brian Herdeg, Wade Jones, Tom Ludowitz, Kenneth Rahe and Sam Ready.



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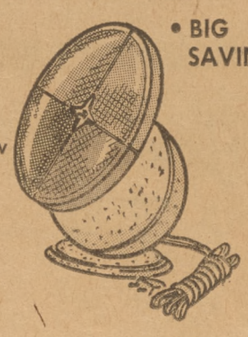

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